

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 2434
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Serial No.: 10/648,630	)	<b>AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR</b>
	)	<b>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)</b>
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is a bona fide submission filed with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.